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Re: Philip Morris and Co. Ltd., Inc.
Union Patent Appln. No. 2397/54
U. S. Ser. No. 383,122 - DuPuis et al

Dear Mr. Leahy:

In January of this year, after the allowance of this case, The United Tobacco Companies (South) Limited requested our associate to agree to an extension of the Opposition period for two months so that they could examine the application and the art and decide whether or not they wished to oppose this case. In accordance with customary practice, our associate agreed to such extension. At the end of the extension, the aforementioned company requested a second extension since they had not completed their investigation and our associate so agreed. Our associate now informs us that the attorneys for the aforementioned company have written to the Registrar of Patents as follows:

"Our clients are not proceeding with their threatened Opposition herein, and we accordingly relinquish the balance of the extended Opposition period.

"We wish to make it clear, however, that our clients do not admit the validity of any patent which may be granted on this application and that they reserve the right to attack the patent at any time in the future should circumstances arise which would justify the adoption of such a course."

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From the foregoing, you will note that no Opposition will be filed and accordingly, our associate has prepared and filed a request to the Patent Office that a patent be granted immediately.

We enclose herewith a bill for our associate's services in these matters.

Very truly yours,

LANGNER PARRY CARD & LANGNER

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